

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments and to reconsider the rejection in view of the following remarks and amendments. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 3, 6 and 9 to 11 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Status of Claims

Claims 1 to 11 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 8 are being amended. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 3, 6 and 9 to 11 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Amendment

Claims 1 and 2 are being amended to insert "and" between R₃ and R₄ as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 4, 5, 7 and 8 are being amended to convert capital letters to small letters that were objected to in the Office Action.

No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

Response to Rejection Under Section 112, second paragraph

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, the Office Action has noted the following:

The definitions of R₃ and R₄ in Claims 1 and 2 are not stated as proper Markush groups.

Claims 4, 5, and 7 to 8 are vague and indefinite for having certain letters capitalized in the names of the compounds recited therein.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, fully comply with the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph. In this regard, Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to insert "and" between R₃ and R₄ as suggested by the Examiner. Additionally,

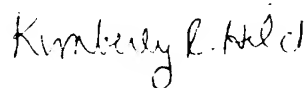
Claims 4, 5, and 7 to 8 have been corrected with respect to capitalization as suggested in the Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 8 do not change the scope of the claims as originally presented, and that one skilled in the art would have readily recognized the meaning of the definitions for R3 and R4 in Claims 1 and 2, and the chemical names in Claims 4, 5, and 7 to 8 as originally filed.

In view of the above remarks and amendments being made to Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 to 8, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a complete and full response to the Office Action of record and request withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims is earnestly requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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